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1. The following German specialists are still employed at the Leuna-Werke:

- a) Dr. Zäpf - Head chemist.
- b) Dr. Augsten - Chemist
- c) Dr. Hundhoff - Chemist
- d) Dr. Wirth - Chief technical engineer.
- e) Dr. Adolfi - Explosives expert.
- f) Dr. Elbel - Formerly German head of the Konstruktions und Ingenieur
Büro (K.I.B.), now head of the Test Department.
Dr. Elbel is an expert on heavy water and explosives,
and on the construction of chemical works and laboratories.

2. The present German head of the K.I.B. is Dr. Blaubart, until recently
employed with Fr. Uhde KG., Dortmund. It is alleged that Fr. Uhde is still
in possession of all plans and data concerning the Leuna-Werke prior to the
dismantling of the works.

3. The Russian personnel in charge are:

- a) Lt. Col. Vilibov - General Director - founder of the K.I.B.
- b) Lt. Col. Dzomin
- c) Col. Batmanov
- d) Major Makarov

4. Twenty-eight thousand workers are employed at Leuna. Production rises and
falls, depending on the supply of electricity and steam. The high-pressure
compressors give a total of 200 atmospheres for 90-95,000 kw. Maximum
performance is approximately 80 million kw. The performance for early December
is 1,100-1,200 tons steam per hour.

5. The Russians have decided to set up three new turbines and two new boilers.

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6. Gasoline production started in July 1947, stopped in October 1947 because of
lack of power, and has resumed again in November and December 1947. It is
alleged that the gasoline plant will be dismantled in 1948. Only methanol

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will continue to be produced.

7. During November 1947, the last remaining machines from the fertilizer and ammonium sulphate installations were dismantled and sent to Turkestan. There is still one ammonium sulphate plant at Leuna, which is obsolete. The ammonia works, which produced highly concentrated explosives, are now finally dismantled and have been sent to Turkestan.
8. The reconstruction of the dismantled parts in the U.S.S.R. presents great difficulties. Every fortnight Russian technicians arrive in Leuna to discuss the reconstruction of this equipment. On orders from the Russian management, all data showing potential output of this plant have been destroyed.
9. Drs. Herold, Gemmer, Asinger, Wyszo Mirska, and Löbsch were deported with the Lactan plant to Gorki.
10. The K.I.B. is at present working on the dismantling of installations at Blechhammer, Heydebreck, and Auschwitz. All three plants are to be set up in Turkestan. The employees of the K.I.B., who number 280, are former members of the Nazi Party, and a constant threat of deportation is held over their heads.

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